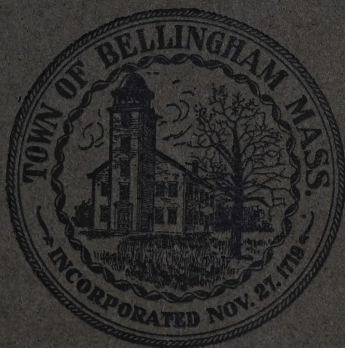


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# Town Officers for the Year 1908

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TOWN CLERK,  
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER,  
L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN.  
MICHAEL F. RYAN,            HENRY W. PICKERING,  
CLARENCE A. CROOKS.

ASSESSORS,  
CHARLES S. CARTER,            Term expires March 1, 1909  
CARROLL E. WHITE,            Term expires March 1, 1910  
ORVILLE C. RHODES,           Term expires March 1, 1911

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
HENRY W. PICKERING,           Term expires March 1, 1909  
OTTO L. BULLARD,            Term expires March 1, 1910  
FELIX S. BROTHERS,            Term expires March 1, 1911

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,           Term expires March 1, 1909  
JOHN E. BARBER,            Term expires March 1, 1910  
CLARENCE A. CROOKS,           Term expires March 1, 1911

AUDITOR,  
EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD.\*            DAVID G. JONES.†

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,  
WALTER H. THAYER.

\* Did not qualify.

† Appointed to fill vacancy.

FENCE VIEWERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,                      PROCTOR P. COOK,  
ORVILLE C. RHODES.

TREE WARDEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

CONSTABLES,

EDWIN M. BENNETT,                      HIRAM E. CROOKS,  
J. FRANCIS NAUGHTON,                  WALTER H. THAYER.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

S. FRED METCALF,	Term expires March 1, 1909
HENRY A. WHITNEY,	Term expires March 1, 1910
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	Term expires March 1, 1911

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

WESLEY E. HOWES,	Term expires March 1, 1909
MRS. MAY L. WRIGHT,	Term expires March 1, 1909
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,	Term expires March 1, 1910
MISS BERTHA FRANKLIN,	Term expires March 1, 1910
MRS. OLIVE COOK,	Term expires March 1, 1911
HENRY A. WHITNEY,	Term expires March 1, 1911

**Appointments by the Selectmen, 1908.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

ORVILLE C. RHODES.

FIELD DRIVERS,

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,                      JOSEPH PALMER,  
NATHANIEL W. PICKERING.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN,

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

ELBRIDGE A. RHODES,	HIRAM E. CROOKS,
L. FRANCIS THAYER,	ELBRIDGE GRANT,
SAMUEL L. METCALF,	HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP,	CLARENCE A. CROOKS,
JUDSON E. CAMP,	L. FRANCIS THAYER.

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS,

CARROLL E. WHITE.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## POLICE OFFICERS,

WILLIE LEVESQUE,	JOHN J. SCHNEIDER,
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,	HUGH MEARS,
FRANK DUQUET,	TIMOTHY FOLEY,
WILLIE F. WALES,	JOHN R. WILSON,
ALBERT G. MOWREY,	HARRY E. ARNOLD.

## BURIAL AGENT,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## SEXTONS,

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	S. FRED METCALF,
HENRY W. PICKERING,	ORVILLE C. RHODES.

## AUCTIONEER,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HALL,

ELIPHALET S. SEARS.

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT MARCH MEETING, 1908.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,	LEWIS E. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	DANIEL SULLIVAN,
CHARLES S. CARTER,	GRANVILLE N. DOUGLASS,
TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,	J. FRANCIS MURPHY.

## AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING,

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,	LEWIS E. WHITNEY,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	GRANVILLE N. DOUGLASS,
CHARLES S. CARTER,	J. FRANCIS MURPHY,
J. FRANCIS NAUGHTON.	

# Town Clerk's Report.

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## Vital Statistics.

### Marriages Recorded in Bellingham, for Year, 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
1908.			
April 22.	Mellen H. Albro, Elizabeth Bigwood,	Holliston, Bellingham,	Rev. Walton S. Danker, at Worcester.
April 28.	Hiram E. Crooks, Bertina C. Marsh,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Geo. R. Hewitt, at West Medway.
June 1.	Frank L. Sullivan, Ida G. Cronan,	Bellingham, Milford,	Rev. D. F. McGrath, at Milford.
June 27.	David Coutts, Jr., Sarah Gibson Allison,	Marlborough, N.H. Bellingham,	Rev. F. A. Warfield, at Bellingham.
July 27.	Waldo Frederick White, Evelyn May Hirst,	Bellingham, Cranston, R. I.	Rev. F. I. Collins, at Providence, R. I.
Aug. 2.	Harold W. Speakman, Roby E. Staples,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. S. A. Dyke, at Bellingham.
Aug. 5.	George O. Gay, Eliza C. Bonsall,	Bellingham, Franklin,	Rev. R. B. Moody, at Franklin.
Aug. 21.	Adrian VanLeeuwen, Annie Longton,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. E. S. Straight, at Providence, R. I.
Oct. 7.	Walter Edward Noble, Lillia Annie Spencer,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. J. P. Berkley, at Bellingham.
Oct. 14.	George A. Dillon, Sara E. Flannigan,	Milford, Bellingham,	Rev. Wm. J. Dwyer, at Bellingham.
Oct. 26.	Joseph A. Palmer, Gertrude C. Estey,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. J. P. Berkley, at Bellingham.

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## Births Recorded in Bellingham, 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Feb. 3,	Raymond Care,	Alfred W. and Mattie (McKinzie).
Mar. 7,	George Everett Duby,	Alex. and Mary (Lemoni).
April 7,	Ralph Cheever Perry,	Frank I. and Sarah M. (Pinkham.)
14,	Minerva Ellen Mowry,	Albert G. and Bertha I. (Cook).
30,	Margaret Ann Laverick,	Frank and Margaret A. (Nelson).
May 4,	Olive Idella Burke,	John E. and Grace M. (St. George).
16,	———— Lamport,	Philip G. and Jennie (Lapiere).
June 7,	Alfred Joseph Delpie,	Alfred and Marianne (Gingras).
20,	Joseph George Eusebe Gingras,	Joseph and Marie (Menard).
July 4,	William Edward Car- penter,	Edward W. and Julia E. (Pratt).
4,	Edgar George Lemoine,	Noah and Lora (Dufranse).
5,	Hazel M. Gay,	Geo. O. and Eliza C. (Bronsall).
27,	Elton Getchell Crooks,	Geo. D. and Eva F. (Warfield).
29,	Mary Louisa Caroline Joslyn,	William A. and Mary L. C. (St. Martin).
Aug. 1,	Edward Connolly,	Michael and Olive (Bobideau).
Sept. 4,	———— Stockton,	James and Elizabeth (Addison).
5,	Joseph Oliva Castonguay,	Oliver and Anastatia (Bonabeau).
11,	Charles Albert Lepsett,	Edward D. and Flora E. (Wales).
13,	Flora Rivet,	Alcide and Laura (Lamoureux).
21,	Sterling Ballou Douglass,	Granvill N. and Grace (Pickering).
19, 26,	Xochell Marie Delpie, Michael Thomas Kelli- her,	William and Albina (Gingras). Wm. T. and Katherine F. (Naughton).
Nov. 1,	Wallace H. Symms,	Wallace and Bessie (McKennon).
10,	Ruth Richards,	Fred N. and Annie G. (Holland).
25,	Benetia Maria Shea,	Daniel and Ellen (Maroney).
29,	Still born.	
Dec. 30,	Dorothy White,	Charles O. and Lila (Maeder).
31,	Eldric Dion,	Amie and Angeline (Duchame).
1907 Oct. 27,	Mary Bertha Eveline Dion,	Amie and Angeline (Duchame).
Dec. 14,	Albert Tramp,	Albert and Jennie (Raymond).

*Richard Hopson  
Rhodes Oct-  
1908.*

## Deaths Recorded in Bellingham, in 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.					
5,	Herbert Eugene Richards,	54	3	0	Pneumonia.
9,	Augusta S. Pickering,	51	4	0	Chronic Nephritis.
11,	Orintha M. Mason,	69	9	0	Pneumonia.
Feb.					
16,	Clifton Roy Trask,	30	9	26	Pneumonia.
18,	Male				Premature Birth.
23,	Elizabeth H. Rockwood,	90	0	13	Erysipelas.
April					
6,	Ernest Francis Perry,	1	11	30	Drowning.
11,	Ralph Cheever Perry,	0	0	5	Congenital Intestinal Obstruction.
May					
18,	———— Lamport,	0	0	2	Internal Injuries.
26,	Jeremiah P. Atkinson,	68	5	16	Paralysis.
June					
12,	Varnum B. Rockwood,	83	8	2	Old age.
16,	William Lyesque,	48	0	0	Melancholia.
26,	Lewis Grenier,	65	0	0	Intestinal Hemorrhage.
July					
23,	David Franklin Adams,	63	9	13	Pleuritis.
Aug.					
6,	Elton Getchel Crooks,	0	0	10	Enteritis.
7,	Joseph Albert W. Carey,	0	3	0	Catarrhal Enteritis.
8,	Annie W. Stevens,	85	0	5	Apoplexia.
14,	Julius Cross,	87	2	0	Senile Debility.
27,	George Wilson,	79	9	20	Senile Debility.
Sept.					
10,	Robert A. Daniels,	79	0	0	Pulmonary Conges- tion.
14,	Charlotte M. Clark,	70	6	12	Pulmonary Conges- tion.
17,	Joseph Gingras,	0	3	0	Cholera Infantum.
19,	Abbie A. Lawrence,	72	4	4	Cancer.
Oct.					
27,	Jane Rhodes,	23	11	0	Acute Hemorrhage Pancrentitis.
Nov.					
7,	Ellen Donelly,	71	0	0	Bright's Disease.
29,		0	0	0	Still Born.
Dec.					
17,	Peter Reeves,	58	0	0	Angina Pectoris.
27,	John Shannon,	69	3	15	Chronic Cardiac In- sufficiency.

# Selectmen's Report.

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*To the Citizens of Bellingham:*

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following annual report. The report of our Superintendent of Streets shows the general scope of the work that has been done on the highways. While some of the cross roads need, in some instances considerable repairing done, we believe that on the whole the main streets of the town are in better shape than they ever were.

We think it would be good policy for the town to put the piece of macadam road on South Main Street, which has not yet been accepted by the state, in a suitable condition for acceptance by the state, as it is quite improbable that the state will appropriate any money for the continuance of this road, until the part owned by the town is in a satisfactory condition to be accepted as a state road.

We recommend that all bills for work in the Highway Department be sent directly to the Superintendent of Streets for his approval.

## Selectmen's Financial Statement.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation .....	\$700 00	
License money.....	118 00	
From Inspection of Animals.....	49 50	
From Emergency Fund.....	14 93	
	<hr/>	\$882 43

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Paid Overseers of Poor to Mar. 1, 1908.	
Henry W. Pickering.....	15 00
Otto L. Bullard.....	50 00
F. A. Sherburne.....	15 00
Paid School Committee to Mar. 1, 1908.	
Clarence A. Crooks.....	10 00
John E. Barber.....	20 00
James O. Richardson.....	10 00
Paid Selectmen and Registrars to Mar. 1, 1908.	
Henry W. Pickering.....	25 00
Carroll E. White.....	35 00
Michael F. Ryan.....	25 00
Paid Assessors for year 1908.	
Orville C. Rhodes.....	82 50
Chas. S. Carter.....	92 75
Carroll E. White.....	55 00
Paid Janitors.	
Eliphalet S. Sears.....	10 00
Paid Tax Collector.	
Walter H. Thayer.....	122 28
Paid Town Treasurer.	
L. Francis Thayer.....	100 00
Paid Moderator.	
Warren E. Fairbanks.....	5 00
Paid Auditor to Mar. 1, 1908.	
N. W. Sanborn.....	25 00
Paid Town Clerk and Registrar.	
Henry A. Whitney.....	35 00
Paid Inspector of Animals.	
Carroll E. White.....	74 00
Paid Constables and Police duty.	
Edwin M. Bennett.....	7 00
Hiram E. Crooks.....	5 00
J. Francis Naughton.....	9 00
Walter H. Thayer.....	10 00
Paid Ballot Clerks and Tellers for	
March and November.....	32 50
Paid M. F. Ryan expenses as Selectman	12 40

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\$882 43

## REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation, Balance from last year's account .....	100 23	
		\$100 23
Paid E. S. Sears.....	2 35	
Kingsbury & Davison.....	10 58	
J. B. Maxcy.....	14 00	
Balance to next year's account.....	73 30	
		\$100 23

## PRINTING.

Appropriation .....	150 00	
Balance from last year's account...	7 00	
		\$157 00
Paid Walter H. Thayer.....	1 10	
Chas. M. W. Earle.....	96 60	
Hobbs Warren & Co.....	12 01	
Chas. E. Cook.....	9 68	
G. M. Billings.....	9 75	
Balance to next year's account.....	27 86	
		\$157 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation .....	\$150 00
Paid Bertha Franklin.....	150 00

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation .....	\$50 00
Paid James O. Richardson.....	50 00

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation .....	25 00	
From Emergency Fund.....	13 60	
		\$38 60
Paid O. C. Rhodes.....	10 00	
S. Fred Metcalf.....	10 00	
Henry A. Whitney.....	18 60	
		\$38 60

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation .....	25 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 00

Paid James J. Birmingham.....	2 00	
C. E. White, Inspector of Provisions	3 00	
Balance to next year's account.....	29 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 00

## INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation .....	150 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	12 31	
From Emergency Fund.....	169 45	
	<hr/>	\$331 76

Paid Walter H. Thayer.....	8 11	
W. L. Gurley.....	35 80	
Thomas Groom.....	6 75	
H. W. Pickering.....	2 00	
S. J. Lawrence.....	3 54	
Geo. Melrose.....	10 50	
Clark Ellis & Sons.....	9 80	
Henry A. Whitney.....	110 59	
L. F. Thayer.....	7 67	
E. L. Burdakin.....	10 00	
L. F. Thayer, et. al. forest fires....	102 00	
F. N. Thayer.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$331 76

## INDIGENT SOLDIER'S AID.

Appropriation .....		
Balance from last year's account.....	156 19	
Refunded from State.....	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$228 19
Transferred to Emergency Fund.....	125 00	
Balance to next year's account.....	103 19	
	<hr/>	\$228 19

## MARKERS SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Balance from last year unexpended.....	\$10 00
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## TRAMPS.

Balance from last year's account.....	26 11
Balance to next year's account.....	\$26 11

## TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation .....	25 00	
Balance from last year.....	3 50	
		\$28 50
Paid Henry A. Whitney.....	14 50	
Balance to next year's account.....	14 00	
		\$28 50

## STATE AID.

The following accounts have been disbursed under Chapter 374, Acts of 1889, and will be reimbursed by the State:

Reimbursed from State on account last year.....	\$496 00
Paid Amanda L. Adams.....	48 00
Joseph M. Burr and wife.....	120 00
John J. Gerstle and wife.....	110 00
John Shannon.....	44 00
Eliphalet S. Sears.....	48 00
Sarah Holbrook.....	48 00
Marion Williams.....	48 00
	\$466 00
Balance to next year's account.....	30 00
	\$496 00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation .....	1,000 00
Corporation tax.....	700 75
Street R. R. tax.....	897 59
	\$2,598 34

*Report of the Board of Selectmen.*

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Paid as per Superintendent's report.....	2,460 03	
Balance to next year's account.....	138 31	
	<hr/>	\$2,598 34

STATE HIGHWAY LOAN FUND.

Unexpended .....	\$28 95
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STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation .....	200 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	329 01	
Received from E. B. Stowe and others..	182 00	
	<hr/>	\$711 01
Paid Edison Electric Illuminating Co...	396 00	
Balance to next year's account.....	315 01	
	<hr/>	\$711 01

STATEMENT STREET R. R. TAX.

State Tax.....	177 96	
Excise Tax.....	311 06	
Balance from last year's account.....	408 57	
	<hr/>	\$897 59
Paid to Highway Department.....		897 59

EMERGENCY FUND.

Appropriation .....	100 00	
Balance from last year's account.....	233 66	
Transferred from Indigent Soldiers' account .....	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$458 66
Transferred to account of Town Officers	14 93	
Transferred to account of Cemeteries...	13 60	
Transferred to account of Incidentals..	169 45	
Balance transferred to Overseers of Poor	260 68	
	<hr/>	\$458 66

## BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Repairs of Town buildings.....	73 30	
Printing .....	27 86	
Board of Health.....	29 00	
Indigent Soldiers' account.....	103 19	
Tramps .....	21 11	
Tree Warden.....	14 00	
Street Lighting.....	315 01	
Markers for Soldiers' Graves.....	10 00	
Highway Department.....	138 31	
State Aid.....	30 00	
State Highway Loan Fund.....	28 95	
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		\$790 73

## SELECTMEN'S ORDERS HAVE PAID.

Town Officers.....	882 43	
Repair of Town Buildings.....	26 93	
Printing .....	129 14	
Public Library.....	150 00	
Cemeteries .....	38 60	
Board of Health.....	5 00	
Incidentals .....	331 76	
Tree Warden.....	14 50	
State Aid.....	466 00	
Highway Department.....	2,460 03	
Street Lighting.....	396 00	
Memorial Day.....	50 00	
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		\$4,950 39

## ESTIMATES OF SELECTMEN.

Support of Schools.....	\$6,500 00
Highways .....	1,500 00
Support of Poor.....	1,700 00
Repair of Town Buildings.....	100 00
Town Incidentals.....	150 00
Street Lighting.....	500 00

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Printing .....	150 00
Town Officers.....	700 00
Interest .....	900 00
Cemeteries .....	25 00
Memorial Day.....	50 00
Library .....	250 00
Indigent Soldiers.....	_____
State Aid.....	500 00
Tramps .....	_____
Town Debt.....	_____
Tree Warden.....	25 00
Board of Health.....	100 00
Emergency Fund.....	100 00
School House Notes.....	1,000 00
	_____ \$14,250 00

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. RYAN,  
HENRY W. PICKERING,  
CLARENCE A. CROOKS,  
*Selectmen of Bellingham.*

## **Report of the Superintendent of Highways.**

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*To the Selectmen of Bellingham:*

GENTLEMEN:—With the anticipation of the State building a crushed stone road on South Main street, the repairing of the Scott Hill section of that street had been intentionally neglected for two or three years, consequently, it was getting in bad condition. The Selectmen decided to make substantial repairs the past season. Accordingly I have expended about four hundred dollars on South Main street, and think it now compares favorably with any street in the south part.

The N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. have complied with the request and repaired the approaches to the bridge on this street.

Wrentham street from Henry Pickering's farm to Lake street really needs considerable money to put it in good condition, the heavy ice teaming being the cause of trouble by tearing up this street.

The bridge near Eugene Rhodes' place ought to be made new at once, also the River bridge at Hoag Lake on Cross street.

River Bridge at North Bellingham has been replanked, also the bridge near Mr. Camp's shop at Caryville, and the bridge at South Milford on Hartford avenue thoroughly repaired.

Three-inch hard pine plank makes an expensive bridge, and it seems to me the Town could have all of the material for making new or repairing the bridges procured from the Town Farm, and of any thickness required, and have it ready when needed.

Have erected 1000 feet new guard rail and repaired nearly as much of the old railing, and yet there is more which ought to be repaired or made new.

The piece of crushed stone road voted by the Town was not made until freezing weather, as the Selectmen could not get the steam roller from Medway until they had finished their piece of street. This work was done according to instructions from the State Highway Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE C. RHODES,

Superintendent of Streets.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount received from Treasurer.....	\$2,598 34
Amount paid out.....	2,460 03
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Unexpended balance.....	\$138 31

## ACCOUNT OF TEAM WORK.

Paid S. E. Scott.....	\$ 94 83
Geo. D. Crooks.....	70 69
E. F. Migneault.....	40 55
O. C. Rhodes.....	22 35
E. C. Webber.....	31 95
E. A. Rhodes.....	8 75
M. J. Connolly.....	144 58
C. S. Carter.....	5 00
E. Goggin.....	16 25
L. F. Thayer.....	39 47
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	\$474 42

## ACCOUNT OF LABOR.

Paid J. J. Richards.....	\$126 00
J. Delyal.....	52 48
E. Sears.....	16 17
A. Gingras.....	25 24
S. E. Scott.....	67 24
Geo. D. Crooks.....	40 07
John Plant.....	94 06
L. Fortier.....	25 24
Wm. Penn.....	37 08
F. Lemere.....	66 73
E. F. Migneault.....	24 33
J. Bassett.....	2 83
John Davis.....	30 16
E. C. Webber.....	20 55
J. Munroe.....	13 82

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Geo. D. Nourse.....	12 00
Geo. E. Sears.....	14 00
M. J. Connolly.....	47 25
E. Riordan.....	41 25
T. Foley.....	37 50
J. J. Desmond.....	17 25
M. Murphy.....	14 35
J. Kennelly.....	14 35
John Foley.....	15 00
Frank Arnold.....	4 50
P. Denihan.....	8 25
J. L. Wilson.....	3 33
C. Allen.....	2 25
John Dee.....	21 75
J. H. Desmond.....	3 00
Daniel Connolly.....	3 75
C. S. Carter.....	3 00
Chas. Brown.....	21 50
P. O'Neil.....	2 00
E. Goggin.....	16 25
E. L. Connolly.....	6 50
P. Murphy.....	10 50
Daniel Dee.....	10 50
J. J. Clark and man.....	39 20
O. J. Daniels.....	60 00
Henry W. Pickering, old bill.....	1 00
L. Francis Thayer.....	120 57
O. C. Rhodes.....	128 12
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	\$1,320 92

## BRIDGES AND GUARD RAILS.

Paid Woonsocket Lumber Co.....	\$98 58
Geo. D. Crooks.....	14 49
E. B. Stowe.....	7 04
O. F. Metcalf.....	12 27
W. A. Burr.....	5 30
E. A. Rhodes.....	1 35

E. E. Cook.....	31 50	
L. F. Thayer.....	2 97	
Sylvester, Breudeur Co.....	4 20	
P. O'Neil.....	3 00	
		<hr/>
		\$180 70

CRUSHED STONE AND GRAVEL.

Paid Conn. Trap Rock Co.....	\$382 90	
Addison E. Bullard, 367 loads @ \$.04	14 68	
J. J. Richards 216 " " "	8 64	
E. O. Woodbury, 212 " " "	8 48	
E. Migneault 184 " " "	7 36	
O. C. Rhodes, 69 " " "	2 76	
E. Duquet, 20 " " "	80	
L. F. Thayer, 107 " " "	4 28	
A. V. Wilson 6 " " "	24	
		<hr/>
		\$430 14
1,181 Loads		

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Paid E. C. Webber, use of drills.....	\$1 00	
A. Armstrong, repairing tools.....	1 35	
A. Milott & Co., 20 feet tiling @ \$.20	4 00	
E. R. Darling, dynamite, etc.....	6 58	
Sylvester Breudeur, new tools.....	11 20	
O. L. Bullard, wood.....	2 00	
W. E. Smith, repairing road machine	12 77	
L. F. Thayer, new tools.....	4 25	
O. C. Rhodes, car fare, etc.....	4 95	
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		\$48 10

SNOW BILLS.

Paid S. Grant, clearing snow from street, old bill....	\$5 75
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RECORD OF EACH DEPARTMENT.

Amount paid for team work.....	\$ 474 42
" " " labor .....	1,320 92
" " " bridges and guard rails.....	180 70

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Amount paid for crushed stone and gravel.....	\$430 14
“ “ “ miscellaneous items.....	48 10
“ “ “ clearing snow.....	5 75
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	\$2,460 03

Respectfully submitted,  
ORVILLE C. RHODES,  
Superintendent.

## **Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures**

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*To the Selectmen of Bellingham,*

GENTLEMEN :—Herewith I submit my third annual report as a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

I have sealed 4 platform scales over 5000 lbs. each, 5 under 5000 lbs. Fifteen counter and spring balances. Three computing scales. Six dry measures. Eleven liquid measures. Three yard sticks. Seventeen weights. Of this number of weights and measures I have condemned or tagged for repair, twelve articles. I have sealed 367 quart milk bottles, 235 pints and 9 half-pints.

Jan. 12, of the present year, the Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures held their meeting in Worcester and all Sealers of Weights and Measures were invited. I accepted the invitation and the meeting proved to be one filled with information. Such speakers as the National Sealer of Weights and Measures from Washington, the State Sealers from New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island were on the programme. Before the meeting was called in the afternoon, an opportunity was given to examine the various kinds of apparatus in use, and a number of computing scales. The afternoon session was devoted to discussions, the city sealer of Boston taking a leading part. The correct method of sealing computing scales was a principal topic. It was advocated that the Sealer should be paid a stated salary by the city or town, as the work done is supposed to benefit both buyer and seller. We concluded from the meeting, that there is still much for everyone to learn on this subject.

This year we shall doubtless need some more apparatus at a small cost.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## Tree Warden's Report.

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During the past year I have looked over the trees on the side of the road and done considerable trimming where the limbs were low.

We now have three trees that have been condemned, and one should be taken down this spring. To take the tree and roots out, as will be necessary, in order to leave the sidewalk in good condition, would involve more expense than seemed justifiable with the money on hand. As all trees in the highway limits are shade trees, according to law, I would caution all land owners to be sure and know where the highway limits are before attempting to cut the trees. One splendid maple by the roadside has been cut this winter, and this should not have been done. We would suggest that the tree warden be consulted before trees are cut.

A franchise has been granted for electric light wires to go through town; these wires are dangerous to the trees, even protected as well as it is possible to do; and when a franchise has been granted the company do as they please. They set the poles and run wires where they choose. The wires may run through the trees, and the poles be placed in the water courses, and to have them removed is an impossibility.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Tree Warden.

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## **To the Board of Selectmen.**

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*To the Board of Selectmen,*

GENTLEMEN :—In my report as Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth agent of this town I will commence where the report of last year ended. The State at that time had six men in our town for thirteen days, at a cost of \$196.50. Last spring or early summer, a man was sent out with a State employee to burlap the trees in the vicinity of the place where the nests were found. The cost for material to work with you will find in the selectmen's report. After the trees were burlapped they had to be watched for the caterpillar, but only two or three were found.

This year we are doing the work ourselves under the State Agent's supervision, and the work of looking for nests was begun Dec. 31. As no one but myself had seen the method of treatment, the Agent advised that two men be sent to look over an infested district. Consequently, Jan. 4, I sent two men to South Framingham to meet the State Agent and see the work in that town.

The work is progressing well; we have finished work in the southern part of the town, and only two nests were found. At the date of writing this report, several nests have been found in the northern part of the town, and there is much territory yet to cover.

On June 27, the superintendent of the Gypsy Moth commission for the state, invited all agents for the various towns to come to Beverly. With about 300 others, I accepted the invitation, and saw large tracts of woodland completely stripped of all leaves, looking as bare as in winter. We saw the caterpillars as thick as bees in a hive; we had a good opportunity to study thousands of the nests, as we traveled miles through the forests. The power machines were at work spraying the trees.

We were interested in being shown beetles which are being propagated for the destruction of the caterpillar. This beetle is from  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in length, and is of a brilliant

metallic green color. They emerge from the ground in the spring, and feed greedily throughout the summer on insect larvae, climbing trees in search of food, and often flying considerable distances. The eggs hatch in about a week and the larvae seek food on the surface of the ground.

They grow rapidly and when a few days old are able to destroy good-sized caterpillars. When the larvae are full grown they are from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long and about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in diameter, and of a general dark brown appearance. We need to be careful and not destroy anything resembling this larvae and beetle.

There has been nothing done by the town for the destruction of the Elm Tree Beetle during the year. The trees do not seem to be in worse condition than they were a year ago; however, if the tree owners and the town could unite and have the trees sprayed that are in the highway and near the highway, they would show a great improvement this coming year. For other information, please refer to last year's report.

We have another insect foe to fight, which to all appearances is a stubborn enemy.

The San Jose scale seems to be well established, especially in the southern part of the town. These pests are so minute they are not noticeable until the tree or shrub begins to die—then they are past reclaiming and have to be cut down and burned. These pests begin their work on the ends of the new twigs and sap the life from the shrub or tree.

Some authorities give the following formula for a spray—a solution of sulphur and lime, which should be used in late winter or early spring before the buds start. Farmers in our town report that spraying has not been satisfactory; one man expended over \$50 and can see no benefit so far. A demonstration of spraying has been carried on in northern Rhode Island, but I was unable to see it.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Agent.

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:—*

The Overseers of Poor present the following report for the year ending, Feb. 1, 1909:

The Town Farm and Almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rockwell since April 1, 1908.

Overseers have approved bills for repairs of Town buildings as follows:

J. B. Maxcy.....	\$14 00	
Kingsbury & Davison.....	10 58	
	<hr/>	\$24 58

Some shingling on the horse barn has been done at the expense of this department.

Ice house was built from material mostly obtained on the farm.

## INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Sarah Cross	52	52	
Clarissa P. Adams	56	52	
Mary Watt	63	52	
John H. Eaton	82	52	
Dexter Bates	72	52	
Robert A. Daniels	79	32	
Asseneth P. Taylor	67	1	4
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		293	4

No tramps have applied for aid the past year.

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE  
ASSESSORS JAN. 29, 1909.

Land and Buildings.....	\$5,000 00	
14 cows, 1 heifer, 1 bull.....	875 00	
10 wagons and sleds.....	400 00	
3 horses.....	400 00	
Household furniture.....	375 00	
Small tools.....	225 00	
Harnesses and Blankets.....	150 00	
Hay .....	150 00	
Farm Machinery .....	190 00	
Ensilage .....	200 00	
Lumber and posts.....	175 00	
Cord wood.....	125 00	
Stove wood.....	100 00	
Potatoes and vegetables.....	75 00	
Fowls .....	125 00	
Grain .....	15 00	
Hogs .....	45 00	
Coal, tar, oil, etc.....	50 00	
Pork, lard and butter.....	30 00	
Vinegar and barrels.....	5 00	
Bone cutter.....	12 00	
Small groceries.....	20 00	
Ice .....	25 00	
Total .....		\$8,767 00
Appraised last year .....		\$8,684 00
Gain .....		\$83 00

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Eggs .....	\$106 00
Use of bull and boar.....	15 00
Wood .....	25 00

Milk .....	1,267 40	
Transporting scholars.....	360 00	
Fowls .....	10 90	
Potatoes .....	13 00	
Junk .....	1 90	
Calves .....	34 00	
Stock .....	113 00	
Board .....	1 75	
Pigs .....	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,019 95

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From Chicopee.....	\$15 00	
State .....	8 00	
Medway .....	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 00
Total Receipts.....		<hr/>
		\$2,094 95

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Hardware and seeds.....	\$79 43	
Labor .....	426 58	
Stock .....	248 00	
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs.....	82 40	
Grain .....	1,061 34	
Sundries for farm use.....	206 92	
Groceries and meat.....	559 99	
Dry goods and shoes.....	52 41	
Doctors and medicine.....	15 05	
Funeral expense.....	24 00	
Sundries for house use.....	138 91	
Coal .....	80 50	
Salary of Superintendent and matron...	441 71	
	<hr/>	\$3,417 24

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## OUTSIDE AID.

Peter Robinson.....	\$27 00	
Mrs. James Collerton.....	12 00	
Peter Rattie and wife.....	78 00	
Burying unknown child.....	5 00	
Mrs. Alfred Denoye.....	40 71	
Lucy Woodman.....	51 00	
Elizabeth Burke.....	18 57	
Asseneth P. Taylor.....	85 00	
Noah Miner.....	17 45	
Chas. A. Fuller.....	47 00	
John A. Fuller and wife.....	71 45	
John A. Fuller at hospital.....	46 00	
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		\$499 18

## INCIDENTALS.

Postage, stationery, books, traveling ex- penses, pay for appraisers, and care of lock-up.....	\$42 40	
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		\$42 40
Total expense.....		<hr/>
		\$3,958 82
Overseers have approved bills and issued orders on Town Treasurer, Nos. 1081 to 1190 inclusive amounting to.....		\$3,958 82
They hold his receipts for.....		\$2,094 95

O. L. BULLARD,  
H. W. PICKERING,  
F. S. BROTHERS.

*Overseers of Poor.*

## Memorial Day.

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Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Center, Sunday, May 24, 1908, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps. The exercises were as follows: Prayer by the Post Chaplain, singing by the Baptist choir; and addresses by Rev. Mr. Berkley of Newton, Mass., and members of Post 60, followed by the decoration of the soldiers' graves.

The exercises were closed by singing America.

The exercises were held at North Bellingham, Sunday, May 24, 1908, by the West Medway Post, G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps. The exercises opened by prayer by the Post Chaplain, followed by an address by Rev. Mr. Taylor of West Medway. Singing by the choir, followed by decoration of soldiers' graves, and singing America.

The services at Rakeville Cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were carried out by members of the Post.

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### JOHN SHANNON.

He was born in Carlyle, England, Sept. 12, 1839, and died in Bellingham, Dec. 27, 1908. He enlisted in the 11th Massachusetts Infantry, April, 1861, was discharged June 21, 1864. He was a member of Grand Army Post 22. Funeral services under their auspices the 30th, with burial in the Scammell yard, South Milford (so called).

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### ANDREW JILLSON.

He was born March 21, 1837, and always lived in Woonsocket or Cumberland, but close to our town line, and always has seemed like one of our citizens. He died May 25, 1907, and was buried in our Rakeville cemetery. He was one of the first to enlist in the civil war, April 14, 1861, in the 1st R. I. Infantry, Co. I, discharged Aug. 2, 1861. Enlisted in the 4th R. I. Infantry, Co. E on Sept. 10, 1861, and served until he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment on June 4, 1864, and was finally discharged July 13, 1865.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received from the Town.....	50 00	
Balance from last year.....	1 34	
		\$51 34

#### EXPENSES.

Paid Franklin Post.....	\$10 00	
West Medway Post.....	10 00	
Woonsocket Post.....	5 00	
Transportation of schools.....	13 00	
Flowers and filling urns at Monument and care of same.....	4 25	
Printing of school programmes, etc.....	1 75	
Henry Whitney for flags for Revolutionary graves.....	6 35	
Expenses .....	1 00	
		\$51 35

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,  
For the Committee.

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MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES, BELLINGHAM PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS, TOWN HALL, BELLINGHAM,  
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1908.

March to Soldiers' Monument.

Prayer,

Rev. Monroe Rockwood.

Recitation....."The Nation's Dead."

Madeline Kelly.

Song....."Marching Through Georgia."

Schools.

Recitation....."A True Story of the Rebellion."

Mary Case.

Recitation....."A Mother's Story."

Elizabeth Sears.

Song....."Memorial Day."

Massey Intermediate School.

Recitation ..... "Antietam."

Frank Provo.

Recitation....."Soldier's Prayer."

Amelia Wilson.

Song....."The Flag That Waves Above."

South Schools.

Recitation....."Memorial Day."

Margaret Desmond.

Flag Exercise.

Ten Boys, South Primary.

Song....."Star Spangled Banner."

Schools.

Recitation....."Decoration Day."

Frances Woodhead.

Song....."Memorial Song."

Children from Massey Primary.

Recitation....."Memorial Day."

Loretta Shea.

Address,

Rev. S. A. Dyke.

Song ..... "America."

Schools and Audience.

## Public Library, Bellingham.

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The Trustees of the Free Public Library present to the citizens this fourteenth annual report.

We organized March 17, 1908, with W. E. Howes, Chairman; Mrs. Alice A. Burr, Secretary and Miss Bertha Franklin, Treasurer and Librarian.

Voted: Mrs. May S. Wright and Miss Bertha Franklin, purchasing agents.

A branch library was established in the store at Crook's corner, July 29, 1908. Miss Esther Staples of South Bellingham, very willingly furnished the room and her services, and the returns of the readers have been very satisfactory to us.

Our public library at present contains 2094 volumes, distributed from the central library and five branches.

The fuel bill was presented by the school committee, \$12 yearly, a reduction of \$6 if the library were closed during the winter vacations.

The Trustees on Oct. 20, 1908, voted to close the Public Library during the winter vacations to lessen the fuel expense.

Public thanks to the following givers: Mr. John Albee, books; Gen. W. F. Draper, book; Miss Emily Rockwood, books; Mrs. George Nelson, books; Mr. W. E. Howes, books; Mrs. Walter Thayer, books; Mrs. Wylie, books; Mr. James Crayton, book; Miss Ethel Spencer, book; Miss Margaret Munroe, book; Westborough Public Library, reference books; Miss Hannah Harrington, Ruth Sanborn, W. E. Howes, Miss Emily Rockwood, Mrs. G. E. O'Connor, Charles O'Connor, magazines. Mrs. E. R. Mathews, New York City, daughter of Mr. John Albee, has given a year's subscription for Scribner's Magazine for two consecutive years.

The Traveling Library loaned by the Woman's Educational Association, Boston, with accompanying photographs has been highly appreciated.

A postal card frame, the gift of H. A. Whitney has been useful.

We respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$250 for the ensuing year.

WESLEY E. HOWES,

Chairman.

MRS. ALICE A. BURR,

Secretary.

MRS OLIVE COOK,

MRS. MAY S. WRIGHT,

MISS BERTHA FRANKLIN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Trustees.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Trustees:—*

The report of the Librarian for the year ending Feb. 1, 1909, is hereby submitted:

Voters have answered the want in our last report and visited our Library. We trust the cut in appropriations at last Town meeting will not be repeated. About .09 per capita is not a just outlay for our population.

The Central Library has issued 4977 books.

The Central Library has issued to the branches, Caryville, North Bellingham, South Bellingham, Rakeville, Crook's Corner, 1453 books.

Books added by purchase, 43.

Books added by gift, 28.

Books added by state, 23.

Magazines added by gift, 7.

Many books used at Reading table are not registered.

It is our task to know useful books and get others to read them. Many villagers have only a remnant of time to read. There are books for these readers if they will avail themselves of our open shelves and choose them as carefully as they would a friend.

The children have a serviceable chapter to tell:

More readers, better books called, more questions asked Librarian, reference books used, orderliness at Reading table.

To be a general reader is the child's ideal.

Books should be purchased oftener than once a year.

We ought not to buy for one pocket, that is, those books which tell of one type, one country, one age.

Wanted: A member of each home to be a user of our Library.

The friendship of Trustees toward Librarian has helped the Library to go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Librarian.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

FEB. 1, 1908, TO FEB. 1, 1909.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance Feb. 1, 1908.....	\$ 7 92	
Received from town.....	150 00	
Received from fines.....	1 32	
Received from damaged books.....	50	
	—————	\$159 74

## EXPENDITURES.

Librarian's salary.....	\$65 00	
Books .....	37 06	
Transportation .....	9 60	
Agents' expenses in buying books.....	3 50	
Binding .....	1 50	
Lighting .....	1 65	
Heating for 2½ years.....	30 00	
Supplies .....	4 43	
Repairs .....	1 50	
Janitor .....	5 00	
Washing windows.....	50	
	—————	\$159 74

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Treasurer.

## BOOKS ADDED IN 1908.

NO.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.
1381	Randy's Prince,	Brooke
1382	Conversation,	Hewitt
1383	Those Queer Browns,	Kingsley
1384	The Lonely Lady,	Pasture
1385	Under the Circus Tent,	Matthews
1386	Saint Ilario,	Crawford
1387	Desperate Remedies,	Hardy
1388	The Squire,	Mrs. Parr
1389	Judy,	Bailey
1390	Ten to Seventeen,	Bacon
1391	The Heart of Jessy Laurie,	Barr
1392	The Sign of the Fox,	Barbara
1393	The Little City of Hope,	Crawford
1394	Coniston,	Churchill
1395	Mr. Crewe's Career,	Churchill
1396	King Spruce,	Day
1397	R. J's Mother,	Deland
1398	The Story of a Red Deer,	Fortesque
1399	Dimbie and I,	Grundy
1400	Adventures in Contentment,	Grayson
1401	Over Against Green Peak,	Humphrey
1402	The Smiths,	Howard
1403	The Next Door Morelands,	Lewis
1404	The Sherrods,	McCutcheon
1405	The Daughter of Anderson Crow,	McCutcheon
1406	To the Credit of the Sea,	Mott
1407	The Great Secret,	Oppenheim
1408	Old Mr. Davenant's Money,	Powell
1409	The Mother of the Mann,	Philpotts
1410	Come and Find Me,	Robins
1411	The Girls of Gardenville,	Rankin
1412	An Angel in a Web,	Ralph

No.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.
1413	Heidi,	Spyri
1414	A Fountain Sealed,	Sedgwick
1415	Dr. Ellen,	Tompkins
1416	The Car of Destiny,	Williamson
1417	Ungava Bob,	Wallace
1418	Comrade John,	Webster
1419	The Sage Brush Parson,	Ward
1420	Seeing England with Uncle John,	Warner
1421	The Packers,	Armour
1422	St. Rockwell's Little Brother,	Cheever
1423	Meadow Brook,	Holmes
1424	Where Love Is,	Locke
1425	Stories of Vinegar Hill,	—
1426	Allen Lucas,	Chubbuck
1427	A Beleagued City,	Mrs. Oliphant
1428	The Clique of Gold,	Gaborian
1429	The New Church Theology,	Smithson
1430	The Mormon Menace,	Lee
1431	Is a New Church Possible?	—
1432	History of Mediaeval Church,	Hurst
1433	History of Mediaeval Church,	Hurst
1434	Pleasure and Profit,	Moody
1435	A Hindu Gentleman's Reflections,	—
1436	The Golden Rose,	Rives
1437	Cousin Phyllis,	Mrs. Gaskell
1438	Peter,	Smith
1439	The Story of the Odyssey,	Church
1440	Freckles,	Porter
1441	Friendship Village,	Gale
1442	Miss Esperance,	Harker
1443	The Blotting Book,	Benson
1444	An Island in the Air,	Ingersoll
1445	The Call of the Deep,	Bullen
1446	The Black Bag,	Vance
1447	The Hope of Immortality,	Dole
1448	Life Everlasting,	Fiske

NO.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.
POETRY.		
49	Rubiat of Omar Khayyam,	Fitzgerald
50	Evangeline,	Longfellow

BIOGRAPHY.		
109	Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant, Vol. I.	
110	Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant, Vol. II.	
111	Recollections of a Varied Career,	Draper

HISTORY.		
208	The New England States, Vol. I.	
209	The New England States, Vol. II.	
210	The New England States, Vol. III.	
211	The New England States, Vol. IV.	
212	Twelve Months with the Eighth Mass. Infantry.	
213	Proceedings of Encampment Dept. Mass.	
214	Municipal Ownership in Great Britain.	
215	The Dangers of Municipal Ownership.	
216	Century Dictionary.	

SCIENCE.		
54	Whose Home Is the Wilderness,	Long
55	Real Things in Nature,	Holden
56	Poison Ivy,	Huntington

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NO.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.
TRAVEL.		
83	Memorial Places among the Holy Hills,	Stewart
84	A Tour in Europe,	Snider

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## VITAL RECORDS.

68	Marlborough.	75	Lynnfield.
69	Billerica.	76	Beverly.
70	Middlefield.	77	Holliston.
71	Lincoln.	78	Dudley.
72	Westminster.	79	Essex.
73	Dover.	80	Hamilton.
74	Saugus.	81	Marblehead.

# Assessors' Report.

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The Assessors of Taxes for the year 1908 submit the following list of valuation and tax for the year 1908:

## STATISTICS.

Number of persons assessed on polls.....	420
"    "    "    "    for poll only.....	244
"    "    "    "    on property.....	509
Whole number of persons assessed.....	753
Number of horses assessed.....	215
"    "    cows assessed.....	476
"    "    swine assessed.....	27
"    "    fowls assessed.....	3,120
"    "    dwellings assessed.....	359
"    "    acres of land assessed.....	11,025

Value of personal estate assessed.. \$136,870

Value of real estate assessed..... 676,777

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Total valuation..... \$813,647

Rate of taxation, \$16.75 per \$1,000.

ORVILLE C. RHODES,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

CHARLES S. CARTER,

*Assessors of Bellingham.*

# Tax Collectors' Report.

## 1902 TAXES.

### DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908....	\$28 44	
	<hr/>	\$28 44

### CR.

Paid Treasurer during year.....	\$14 03	
Allowance on Powers taxes.....	4 32	
Balance due Treasurer on Cornelius Day tax .....	10 09	
	<hr/>	\$28 44

## 1903 TAXES.

### DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908....	\$227 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 00

### CR.

Paid Treasurer during year.....	\$97 39	
Allowance on Powers taxes.....	4 20	
Allowance for charges, fees, etc., in con- nection with sale of the Powers Est.	6 94	
Balance due Treasurer.....	118 47	
	<hr/>	\$227 00

## 1904 TAXES.

### DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908....	\$604 83	
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## CR.

Paid Treasurer during year.....	\$98 91	
Allowance of taxes on Powers Est.....	4 62	
Balance due Treasurer.....	501 30	
		<hr/> \$604 83
Interest paid to Treasurer.....	\$55 22	

CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Collector.

## 1905 TAXES.

## DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908...	\$1,702 37	
Am't interest due Feb. 1, 1909.....	24 62	
		<hr/> \$1,726 99

## CR.

By interest paid Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1909	\$24 62	
By cash paid Treasurer during year....	214 24	
Balance due Feb. 1, 1909.....	1,488 13	
		<hr/> \$1,726 99

## 1906 TAXES.

## DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908...	\$2,872 67	
Am't interest due, Feb. 1, 1909 .....	30 30	
		<hr/> \$2,902 97

## CR.

Interest paid Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1909...	\$30 30	
Cash paid Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1909.....	406 46	
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1909...	2,466 21	
		<hr/> \$2,902 97

MICHAEL F. RYAN, Collector.

## 1907 TAXES.

## DR.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1908...	\$3,741 36	
Amount interest collected to Feb. 1, 1909	99 99	
	<hr/>	\$3,841 35

## CR.

By amount paid Treasurer to Feb.1,1909	\$2,818 74	
Interest paid Treasurer to Feb. 1, 1909.	99 99	
Abatements paid Treasurer.....	100 82	
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1909...	821 80	
	<hr/>	\$3,841 35

## 1908 TAXES.

## DR.

To amount to be collected.....	\$14,788 30	
Interest collected.....	12 02	
	<hr/>	\$14,800 32

## CR. to Feb. 1, 1909.

By amount paid Treasurer.....	\$11,476 95	
Interest paid Treasurer.....	12 02	
Balance due Treasurer.....	3,311 35	
	<hr/>	\$14,800 32

WALTER H. THAYER, Collector.

# Report of Horace A. Brown,

*Appointed as Special Auditor to Examine  
the Accounts of L. F. Thayer, Treasurer  
Town of Bellingham.  
1908.*

## CORRECTIONS TO REPORTS OF L. F. THAYER, TOWN TREASURER, FROM FEB. 1, 1902 TO FEB. 1, 1908, INCLUSIVE.

	DR.	CR.
Apr. 12, 1901 Error, footing, charge for stamps .....		\$1 00
Nov. 1, 1904 Error, interest charge.....	\$17 00	
Feb. 1, 1902 Error, Poor account (\$24.09 is included in item of \$55.59) .....		24 09
Mch. 10, 1904 Error, Crooks' account Cr. of \$351.44 is apparently a duplicate of Cr. of Mch. 10, 1903, same amount .....		351 44
Aug. 23, 1905 Error, Interest charge for 1905-6 is charged as \$234.45; the amount paid was \$267.78, difference .....		33 33
Error, Town officers' account .....	01	
Apr. 5, 1906 Error, In Cr. "Temporary Aid" amount is in-		

	cluded in total of \$2,118.72 credited to Poor Department.....	43 00
Jan. 2, 1907	Error, School report (paid more than charged in report) .....	10
Feb. 1, 1908	Error, in credit "sick pau- pers \$54.75 is includ- ed in \$2,608.55 which is Cr. to Poor Depart- ment .....	54 75
Feb. 7, 1908	Error, paid District Court, but not printed in re- port .....	4 20
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		\$17 01    \$511 91
Less amount paid back to Mr. Thayer by Mr. Crooks..		\$351 44
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		\$160 47
Balance due Town by report after correcting error in note account of \$1,000 is given, Feb. 1, 1908, as....		\$1544 55
L. F. Thayer, Cr. above.....	\$160 47	
L. F. Thayer, Dr. above.....	17 01	
	<hr/>	\$143 46
Correct balance due Town, Feb. 1, 1908, is..		\$1401 09

**Memo.**

The error in note account was a mix-up in the renewal of note No. 6, dated Nov. 22, 1904, and renewed Jan. 23, 1905, as No. 7. The original amount being \$1,000, and when renewed as \$2,000.

The total amount of notes given for borrowed money was \$62,500.00, and total amount paid was \$59,500.00, leaving one note of \$3,000.00 due at time of report, said note maturing August 1, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE A. BROWN.

# Town Treasurer's Report.

FEB. 1, 1909.

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## RECEIPTS.

Balance due Town as per Special Auditor's account..... \$1,401 09

From State Treasurer :

High School in special cases.....	\$306 88
State Highway Loan Fund.....	28 95
Support of sick paupers.....	8 00
Tuition of children.....	76 50
Inspection of animals.....	49 50
Corporation tax.....	700 75
National Bank tax.....	105 13
State Aid.....	496 00
Burial of indigent soldiers and sailors .....	72 00
Street Railway tax.....	177 96
High School in special cases.....	454 13
Massachusetts school fund.....	1,258 41

From County Treasurer :—Dog Tax... 245 84

F. J. Dutcher, district school fund..	416 66
H. F. Taylor, local tuition.....	68 00
H. F. Taylor, heating room at South school for church purposes....	10 00
School committee, heating library..	30 00
E. S. Sears, Town Hall.....	10 00
Town Medway, outside aid.....	52 00
Electric lights.....	182 00
Hoag Lake license.....	100 00

Edna Blackmar, license.....	10 00	
E. Grant, fireworks license.....	1 00	
L. F. Thayer, fireworks license....	1 00	
E. B. Stowe, fireworks license.....	1 00	
B. Nugent, fireworks license.....	1 00	
Harry E. Camp, pool room license.	2 00	
O. J. Fisher, pool room license.....	2 00	
Borrowed money.....	12,000 00	
C. A. Crooks, tax collector.....	265 55	
M. F. Ryan, tax collector.....	675 62	
Walter H. Thayer, tax collector...	14,407 70	
Overseers of the Poor.....	2,034 95	
		<hr/> \$34,250 53
		<hr/> \$35,651 62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,375 00	
Repairs of State highway.....	39 91	
H. A. Whitney, insurance Town building .....	9 00	
One South school house note.....	500 00	
One new school house note.....	500 00	
Interest on South school note.....	280 00	
Interest on new school house notes	236 25	
Interest on borrowed money.....	243 75	
Interest on Town notes.....	157 92	
County tax.....	618 22	
Borrowed money.....	12,000 00	
L. F. Thayer, stamps.....	6 00	
District court.....	20 89	
Expended on cemetery lots in trust.	34 75	
Selectmen's orders.....	4,950 39	
School committee orders.....	8,612 12	
School committee, school physician.	1 50	
Overseers of the Poor orders.....	4,420 93	
		<hr/> \$34,006 63

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Baptist Society note, (on demand at 6 per cent interest) .....	\$632 00
Heirs of Luther Thayer note (on demand at 4 per cent interest) .....	1,000 00
L. F. Thayer note (on demand at 4 per cent interest) .....	2,000 00
New school house notes (on time at 4½ per cent interest) .....	6,500 00
South school house notes (on time at 4½ per cent interest) .....	6,500 00
Milford National Bank note (on time at 4½ per cent interest) .....	3,000 00
	<hr/> \$19,632 00

## ASSETS.

Due from G. H. Drake, tax collector...	\$ 9 52
Due from C. A. Crooks, tax collector...	629 86
Due from M. F. Ryan, tax collector...	3,954 34
Due from W. H. Thayer, tax collector..	4,133 15
Cash on hand .....	1,644 99
	<hr/> \$10,371 86
Liabilities in excess of assets .....	<hr/> \$9,260 14

Cemetery Trust fund and interest, viz., \$1,059.38, is included in the balance, cash on hand.

L. FRANCIS THAYER,  
Town Treasurer.

# MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Name and Amount.	One Year's Interest on Several Lots.	Amount Expended on Each Lot During the Year, as follows:	Balance due on Each Lot for year Ending Feb. 1, 1909.
Zebina Bullard.....	\$100 00	Paid Trustees of Cemeteries.....	\$4 00 Bullard .....\$12 58
B. Benedict.....	40 00	" " " "	2 00 Benedict ..... 4 93
A. P. Eaton.....	50 00	" " " "	3 00 Eaton..... 4 43
Sarah Holbrook.....	100 00	" " " "	4 00 Holbrook ..... 12 64
Jarvis Cook.....	50 00	" " " "	2 00 Cook..... 2 77
P. Bryant.....	100 00	" " " "	5 00 Bryant..... 11 14
E. Barber.....	30 00	" " " "	0 00 Barber..... 8 99
Lavinia Taft.....	50 00	" " " "	1 00 Taft ..... 14 56
A. M. Clarke.....	30 00	" " " "	1 00 Clarke ..... 6 05
Amos Keach.....	50 00	" " " "	1 00 Keach..... 7 25
Olive Cushman.....	50 00	" " " "	1 00 Cushman..... 6 75
Calvin Rockwood.....	100 00	" " " "	4 00 Rockwood..... 4 30
Benjamin Marble.....	50 00	" " " "	1 00 Marble ..... 5 08
Martin Rockwood.....	50 00	" " " "	1 75 Rockwood..... 2 83
Mary M. Metcalf.....	100 00	" " " "	4 00 Metcalf ..... 5 08
	\$950 00		\$34 75
			\$109 38

## Auditors Report.

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Having been appointed Auditor, by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Edward E. Rockwood, (who was elected as Auditor, at the March, 1908 meeting) to qualify for the position, I beg leave to submit the following report.

I have examined the books of the different departments and find that the vouchers correspond with the orders drawn on and paid by the town treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID G. JONES,

Auditor.

*Bellingham, Mass., Feb. 1, 1909.*

Remarks:—

I append herewith a summary of the receipts and expenses of the Poor Department, as their report does not show a total of all their receipts for the year.

At the close of last year's business (by the 1908 report) is shown that the department had a balance of \$17.53. Such was not the case, as there were bills unpaid amounting to \$462.11, which were paid out of this year's appropriation; so therefore while the report showed a balance, there was really a deficit of \$444.58, which reduced the appropriation to \$955.42 for the year just ended.

You will note that your auditor of last year called your attention to this fact, and I recommend the estimate of the Selectmen for the coming year be granted, as the requirements of the department seem to be increasing every year and the appropriations in the past have not been large enough to meet the demands upon them.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE POOR  
DEPARTMENT.

Balance from last year.....	\$17 53	
Appropriation .....	1,400 00	
"        Special Town Meeting	400 00	
From Emergency Fund.....	260 68	
Receipts of the Farm from sales and other sources.....	2,094 95	
	<hr/>	\$4,173 16
Account overdrawn and paid per direction of Selectmen.....		247 77
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Total receipts.....		\$4,420 93
Total Expenditures.....		\$4,420 93

Respectfully,

D. G. JONES,

Auditor.

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the first day of March, A. D. 1909, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following officers: Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for 1 year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 1 Assessor of taxes for 3 years, 1 Auditor for 1 year, 1 Collector of taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; also on the same ballot to answer the following questions: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" "Yes" or "No." The polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:—1st, to support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars, and salary of Superintendent; 2nd, highways and bridges, railing and guideboards; 3rd, support of poor; 4th, repair of Town buildings; 5th, incidental items; 6th, printing; 7th, interest on Town debt; 8th, pay of Town debt; 9th, pay of Town Officers; 10th, repairs in cemeteries; 11th, decoration day; 12th, public library; 13th, indigent soldiers' aid; 14th, care of tramps; 15th, use of Tree Warden; 16th, emergency fund; 17th, Board of Health; 18th, street lighting; 19th, State Aid.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will give the Selectmen authority to contract with the State Highway Commission as required under provisions of Section 10, Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will assume damages, if any, which may result from the construction of the State Highway.

ARTICLE 7. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a treasurer has, when appointed a collector, and to establish a collector's salary.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will allow any bill that may be presented.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the suppression of Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the present School Superintendency Union and to form a union with the Town of Franklin, or any other town or towns.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to pay for surety bond for Treasurer and Collector, or act or do something thereon.

ARTICLE 14. And the voters are requested to bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1908, entitled 'An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire,' be accepted by this Town?"

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this Fifteenth day of February, A. D., 1909.

MICHAEL F. RYAN,  
HENRY W. PICKERING,  
CLARENCE A. CROOKS,  
Selectmen of Bellingham.

ATTEST:

.....  
Constable of Bellingham.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1908-1909.



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MILFORD, MASS.:  
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1909.

## **School Committee Organization, 1908-1909.**

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CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Chairman,	Term expires 1911
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,	Term expires 1909
JOHN E. BARBER, Secretary,	Term expires 1910

### **SUPERINTENDENT.**

H. F. TAYLOR, (Resigned.)	F. G. ATWELL.
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### **TRUANT OFFICERS.**

H. F. TAYLOR,	F. G. ATWELL,
H. A. WHITNEY,	E. M. BENNETT.
W. C. WHITE.	

### **SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.**

DR. N. W. SANBORN, (Resigned.)	DR. SOLON ABBOTT.
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### **CENSUS ENUMERATOR.**

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

# Report of School Committee.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:—*

Your School Committee respectfully submit the following report:—

The committee organized with Clarence A. Crooks, Chairman, and John E. Barber, Secretary.

The District Committee met as usual in April and unanimously re-elected Mr. Herbert F. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools for the joint district.

Mr. Taylor resigned October 31st, to accept the position of Superintendent at Norwood, Mass.

The joint committee, after interviewing and corresponding with a large number of applicants, unanimously elected Mr. F. G. Atwell to succeed Mr. Taylor as Superintendent of the joint district for the balance of the school year.

There has been but one change in our teaching force during the year, and we feel that the town is to be congratulated on being able to hold the services of so efficient a corps of teachers.

Your committee recommend that the town withdraw from the present superintendency union with the towns of Hopedale and Mendon and form a union with the town of Franklin.

It seems plain that a superintendent with but two towns to look after can do better work, and give more actual supervision to the work, than if he has three towns to look after. In our own case this seems doubly true that a man residing in Franklin, who can reach either of our three school buildings by electric cars every hour of the day, and but a thirty minute ride, could give us more of his time for actual supervision of our teaching force than though he had three towns so widely separated and lost so much time in travelling as is now the case.

The School Committee of Franklin have asked us to join them in a Superintendency Union, proposing to assume two-thirds of the cost, and we one-third, as at present.

As we are situated geographically, and having excellent accommodations between each of our school buildings and Franklin, and the fact that a large majority of our pupils attending High School in the past have attended the Franklin High School, it seems the logical thing for us to do. Our courses of study for High School preparation would then be gradually brought to harmonize with those of Franklin, so that our scholars would enter High School on an equality with those of the larger town, which conditions have hardly existed in the past.

Your committee ask for an appropriation of \$6,300.00 for the ensuing fiscal year.

We wish to expend about one hundred dollars in adding to the heating facilities at the North School. This is imperative, as it is impossible to properly heat the two northeast rooms in cold weather with the existing apparatus.

This building is badly in need of painting, and this should be done as soon as possible.

Fences at this school are in bad shape and should be renewed with something of an ornamental and substantial nature.

Something in the way of a playground should be provided at this school. This can be done at a small expense by clearing a small amount of land at the back of the school.

Your attention is invited to our financial report, which follows.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. CROOKS,  
JOHN E. BARBER,  
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$6,300 00	
From South Building appropriation....	219 49	
High School tuition from state, 1907....	306 88	
High School tuition from state, 1908....	454 13	
District School Fund.....	416 66	
Dog Tax.....	245 84	
Income Massachusetts School Fund....	1,258 41	
Local Tuition.....	68 00	
Tuition State Wards.....	76 50	
Heating room used as Library.....	30 00	
Heating room used for social purposes..	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,385 91

## EXPENDITURES.

Supervision .....	\$ 662 47	
Teaching .....	4,002 00	
Care of buildings.....	713 93	
Transportation .....	1,141 00	
High School Tuition.....	849 00	
Fuel .....	651 10	
Text Books.....	162 36	
Repairs .....	17 17	
Supplies .....	252 28	
Incidentals .....	160 81	
	<hr/>	\$8,612 12
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$773 79

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Unexpended balance.....	\$ 37 00	
Paid N. W. Sanborn, M. D.....	1 50	
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Unexpended balance.....		\$35 50

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 DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

## SUPERVISION.

Paid Herbert F. Taylor.....	\$478 31	
F. G. Atwell.....	184 16	
	<hr/>	\$662 47

## TEACHING.

Paid Frances Hallier, 36 weeks, North..	\$432 00	
F. M. Duplessis, 36 weeks, North..	378 00	
Winnifred Crockwell, 18 weeks, North .....	189 00	
Helen L. Sadler, 18 weeks, North..	180 00	
Mabel Drake, 36 weeks, North....	378 00	
Maud Hallier, 36 weeks, Center...	432 00	
Madella Feltham, 36 weeks, Center	369 00	
Ethel G. Rockwell, 36 weeks, Center	369 00	
Eva M. Jackson, 36 weeks, South..	405 00	
Bertha Whipple, 36 weeks, South..	369 00	
Mabel D. Snow, 36 weeks, South...	351 00	
Helen L. Varney, drawing.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,002 00

## CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Paid Oliver J. Fisher, 36 weeks, North..	\$234 00	
Oliver J. Fisher, cleaning.....	15 55	
James O. Richardson, 36 weeks, Center .....	216 00	
James O. Richardson, cleaning....	13 65	
W. C. White, 36 weeks, South.....	216 00	
W. C. White, cleaning.....	6 70	
Wm. H. Penn, cleaning.....	12 03	
	<hr/>	\$713 93

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Poor Department, 36 weeks.....	\$360 00	
L. Francis Thayer, 36 weeks.....	324 00	
Anson Cass, 18 weeks.....	162 00	
A. W. Care, 18 weeks.....	162 00	
M. A. & W. St. Ry.....	133 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,141 00

TUITION.

Paid Town of Franklin for High School	\$507 00	
Town of Milford for High School.	342 00	
	<hr/>	\$849 00

FUEL.

North School:—

Paid E. Grant, 26.887 tons coal @ \$6.40.	\$172 08	
Edmund Goggins, 1 cord sawed oak	6 50	
Edmund Goggins, 3 cord limbs @		
\$2.50 .....	7 50	
F. H. Metcalf, 5 cord sawed oak @		
\$6.00 .....	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$216 08

Center School:—

Paid L. F. Thayer, 3.6 tons coal @ \$7.00		
27.92 " " @ \$6.40	203 88	
1 cord sawed oak...	6 50	
2 " " " @		
\$6.00 .....	12 00	
1 cord pine.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$224 88

South School:—		
Paid E. Grant, 26.884 tons coal @ \$5.90	158	61
S. E. Scott, hauling, @ 60c.....	15	03
C. A. Crooks, 1 cord sawed oak @		
\$7.00 .....	7	00
C. A. Crooks, 4 " " " @		
\$6.50 .....	26	00
Geo. D. Crooks, 1 cord pine.....	3	50
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	\$210	14
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		\$651 10

## TEXT BOOKS.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co.....	\$24	71
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins.....	8	00
American Book Co.....		58
D. C. Heath & Co.....	15	58
G. & C. Merriam Co.....	9	25
Houghton, Mifflin Co.....	14	24
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover.....	5	00
Silver, Burdett Co.....	5	83
Rand, McNally & Co.....	21	08
J. L. Hammett Co.....	6	21
Ginn & Co.....	22	92
B. H. Sanborn & Co.....	12	75
Chas. Scribner's Sons.....	13	30
Express and cartage.....	2	91
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		\$162 36

## REPAIRS.

North School:—		
Paid J. E. Barber, halyards, etc.....	\$1	40
O. J. Fisher, glass, putty, etc.....	1	00
L. S. Holbrook, steps.....	1	85
J. J. Clarke, doors.....	2	00
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	\$6	25

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Center School:—	
Paid J. O. Richardson.....	1 25
J. F. Damon, radiator and valves...	6 85
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	\$8 10

South School:—	
Paid E. E. Babb & Co., castings.....	2 00
C. A. Crooks, freight.....	82
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	\$2 82

\$17 17

SUPPLIES.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co.....	\$ 5 00
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins.....	7 80
J. L. Hammett Co.....	205 30
Leavenworth & Co.....	8 00
F. W. Martin.....	3 00
G. M. Billings.....	1 50
L. F. Thayer.....	5 94
J. E. Barber.....	20
Paul St. Jacques.....	2 17
H. F. Taylor.....	7 88
F. G. Atwell.....	4 44
O. J. Fisher.....	90
W. C. White.....	15
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\$252 28

INCIDENTALS.

Paid H. A. Whitney, truant officer, 1907.	2 25
H. A. Whitney, truant officer, 1908.	1 50
H. A. Whitney, school census.....	8 24
Avery & Woodbury, curtains.....	8 45

*Report of School Committee.*

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Wm. G. Grant, grading, South school	100 00
J. O. Richardson.....	4 05
O. J. Fisher.....	3 17
W. C. White.....	8 30
L. F. Thayer.....	1 74
H. F. Taylor, $\frac{1}{3}$ 'phone rental.....	4 78
F. G. Atwell, $\frac{1}{3}$ 'phone rental.....	2 08
Eldredge & Son, floor dressing.....	14 25
P. O'Neill, cleaning vaults.....	2 00

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\$160 81

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the School Committee of Bellingham:—*

The fifteenth annual report of the superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

It is the exception rather than the rule that either a town or a city is able to provide suitable accommodations for every school. For a town of the population and valuation of Bellingham your buildings are models of excellence and a standing testimonial to the interest your people take in the education of their children.

The primary school at South Bellingham is overcrowded. The fourth grade is large, and makes a heavy draft on the energies of a teacher to hold their attention during recitation, or to keep them profitably occupied, while some other class recites. As soon as adequate appropriations can be obtained, I would recommend an additional teacher. This would relieve the pressure on the two lower rooms, and materially strengthen the work throughout the building. Whenever this change becomes practicable, I would suggest portable school furniture. This would not add in the least to the expense, and the room would then be available for Sunday school or other uses, as at present.

The stock of some kinds of supplies now on hand will be sufficient to last several months beyond the usual time of purchase. Therefore, I am hoping we may, without exceeding the usual expenditures, make some additions to the teaching appliances. A few wall maps are very much needed in each of the grammar schools, also material for concrete illustrative work in the lower grades. It is impossible to teach either geography or history properly without the constant use of maps. Equally imperative is the need of sets of the weights and measures and constructive material for the elementary arithmetic.

The complaint is often made that children do not reason. This is probably true in a great majority of cases, but I do not think it is because the average child lacks reasoning power. It is due more to poverty of facts and experiences—the raw material of reasoning—than to lack of power. Anyone who attempts to prove that a boy is in the wrong concerning some matter of conduct will find that he will reason most shrewdly in his own defense. What the child most needs is clear and definite notions derived from experience with things. In other words, our teaching should be more concrete and illustrative. It should deal with life and things and activities, and depend less upon words, symbols, and formulas.

It seems to me that a greater uniformity of texts throughout the town is desirable. If the work is practically the same in each of the three villages, comparisons are more readily made, and the result is a healthful, stimulating competition between teachers and pupils in the different schools.

The supply of books should be ample enough to eliminate the necessity of putting very much work upon the blackboards. Besides being an extra demand upon the teacher's time and strength, there is an inevitable eye-strain upon the pupils. So far as possible this should be avoided. The injury to eyes on account of school work is serious enough at best.

But after all that can be said about buildings, equipment, and supplies, it is the teacher that makes the school. Her language, manners, acts, and opinions, her character and ideals, her energy and efficiency being known, the character and efficiency of the school may be easily and accurately predicted. Hence the first and most important duty of those having the schools in charge is to select the best teachers obtainable for the salaries paid.

Due care having been exercised in the selection of teachers, they must be properly directed and supervised. It is the duty of the supervisor not only to keep the teachers at their best, but to give them such advice and assistance as may be required to develop a professional spirit, and to promote professional growth. The ideal teacher is constantly growing no matter how extensive her preparation may have been or how great her natural ability.

It is hoped that the parents will not misunderstand the spirit of the new law relating to medical inspection in the public schools.

If people could realize how many children have been misjudged, how many eyes have been injured for life, they would heartily welcome this legislation in behalf of the child. Scores of so-called stupid children have perfectly sound and normal minds. Their apparent stupidity is due wholly to physical defects of eyes, ears, or throat. It is impossible to say how many children have been declared dull because they failed to recite on blackboard work which they could not see, or because they did not comprehend explanations which they could not hear. The unspeakable injustice of such a verdict is exceeded only by the humiliation and suffering of the child. He soon loses his self-respect, then his courage, and finally becomes a typical case of arrested development. Eye strain is often severe enough to distort the features of the child. A pupil was discovered in Fitchburg who had been blind in one eye from birth. Neither he, his teacher, nor his parents knew it. Medical inspection has revealed hundreds of children equally unfortunate. In my opinion there are in your schools several children suffering from adenoid growths, or some other obstruction of the nose or throat. These gradually draw a veil between the child and the world in which he lives so that he neither perceives nor understands clearly. For the sake of suffering childhood such cases should receive immediate attention.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the kindness and co-operation of all those with whom my duties have brought me into contact.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. ATWELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1907-8.

SCHOOLS.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Number between 5 and 15.	Number between 7 and 14.	Number over 15.	Total Enrollment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dismissed.	Truants.	Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Others.
North Grammar	29.34	28.04	95.57	28	24	3	31	234.5	37	30	0	0	37	36
North Sub. "	19.23	18.21	94.72	20	20	0	20	188.	28	11	0	0	32	0
North Intermediate	30.91	29.75	95.90	33	33	0	33	209.	15	15	0	4	33	8
North Primary	29.50	28.40	95.80	31	11	0	31	192.5	4	6	0	0	30	10
Massey Grammar	24.33	23.06	94.86	25	19	1	26	230.5	33	27	0	0	41	36
Massey Intermediate	24.09	22.35	92.74	28	26	0	28	315.5	77	8	0	2	55	19
Massey Primary	29.80	27.42	91.66	35	23	0	35	437.	92	15	0	0	41	41
South Grammar	19.04	17.83	93.00	18	14	4	22	218.5	154	28	0	5	37	28
South Intermediate	21.72	19.82	91.27	27	27	0	27	341.5	30	14	0	0	34	14
South Primary	36.48	33.05	90.59	38	26	0	38	606.	74	64	7	15	29	24
SUMMARIES.	264.44	247.93	93.61	283	223	8	291	2973.	544	218	7	26	369	216

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1908.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	WHERE FITTED.
NORTH.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Frances Hallier,	Sept., 1904,	Newburyport Training.
" 5, 6,	Freda Duplessis,	Sept., 1906,	Normal Art.
" 3, 4,	Helen Sadler,	Sept., 1908,	Framingham Normal.
" 1, 2,	Mabel Drake,	Sept., 1904,	Framingham Normal.
MASSEY.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Maude Hallier,	Sept., 1905,	Framingham Normal.
" 4, 5, 6,	Madella Feltham,	Sept., 1906,	Salem Normal.
" 1, 2, 3,	Ethel Rockwell,	Sept., 1906,	Framingham Normal.
SOUTH.			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Eva M. Jackson,	Sept., 1906,	Colby Academy.
" 3, 5, 6,	Bertha Whipple,	Sept., 1906,	Providence Normal.
" 1, 2,	Mabel D. Snow.	Sept., 1907,	Framingham Normal.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1908, TO JUNE, 1909.

FALL TERM, 14 WEEKS.		WINTER TERM, 12 WEEKS.		SPRING TERM, 10 WEEKS.	
Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Sept. 14,	Dec. 18,	Jan. 4,	March 26,	April 12,	June 18,
1908.	1908.	1909.	1909.	1909.	1909.

Holidays:—

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, February 22, and April 19.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1909, TO JUNE, 1910.

FALL TERM, 14 WEEKS.		WINTER TERM, 12 WEEKS.		SPRING TERM, 10 WEEKS.	
Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Sept. 13,	Dec. 17,	Jan. 3,	Mar. 25,	April 11,	June 17,
1909.	1909.	1910.	1910.	1910.	1910.

Holidays:—

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

## ROLL OF HONOR, BELLINGHAM.

## FIVE TERMS.

Rosina Guinasso, Massey Grammar.

## FOUR TERMS.

Clayton Barber, North Grammar.

May Allen, North Primary.

## THREE TERMS.

Cornelius Allen, Eva Hebert, North Grammar.

May Dee, Florence Wilson, North Sub-Grammar.

Theresa O'Rourke, Claribel Macy, May O'Connell, Henry Allen, North Primary.

Chester Gaskill, Carleton Gaskill, Massey Primary.

Madeline Kelley, South Grammar.

Hattie Weeks, Alice Dion, South Primary.

## FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

Mildred Dee, North Grammar.

Cecil Howarth, North Sub-Grammar.

May Hunter, Ernest Thayer, Massey Grammar.

Mildred Whiting, Eva Haynes, Harland Cook, Massey Intermediate.

Ernest Aldrich, Arthur Haynes, Massey Primary.

## FALL AND SPRING TERMS.

Myra Dee, Leo Dee, Waldo Kennelley, Ellen Murphy, North Grammar.

Louise Pickering, North Primary.

Francis Pickering, South Grammar.

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WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Charlie Humes, Edmund Kane, North Grammar.  
Bertha Janelle, Austin Edwards, North Intermediate.  
John Allen, George Duffy, Carleton Grant, North Primary.  
Anna Grant, Massey Grammar.  
Eva Richards, South Grammar.  
Ruth Unwin, South Intermediate.  
Romeo Dion, South Primary.

FALL TERM.

Esther Haskard, Emily Migneault, Elizabeth Sears, Massey Intermediate.  
John Mears, Earl Thayer, Massey Primary.  
Wilfred Perkins, South Grammar.  
Joseph Brothers, South Intermediate.  
Marion Perkins, South Primary.  
George Edwards, Mary Kennelly, Alice Kelliher, William Laverick, North Grammar.  
Annie Diggins, North Sub-Grammar.  
May Hannagan, Rita Kennelly, Mark McMahon, James Shea, North Intermediate.  
Marion Cobb, Margaret Desmond, Mary Laverick, Marion St. Martin, North Primary.  
Henry Rattie, Massey Grammar.

WINTER TERM.

Robert Boutilier, Ruth Fairbanks, Joseph Janelle, Mary Kelliher, Edith May Lamport, North Grammar.  
May Diggins, North Intermediate.  
Edward McMahon, North Primary.  
Chesleigh Moore, Massey Intermediate.

## SPRING TERM.

Mary Dee, Loretta Desmond, George Edwards, Annie Edwards, James Fitzpatrick, Ernest Provo, Loretta Shea, North Grammar.

J. William Kennelly, Annie Kennedy, Louisa Ober, Frank Provo, North Sub-Grammar.

Mary Denoyelle, Alice Fitzpatrick, Ellen Mullen, Bertha O'Rourke, Margaret Smith, North Intermediate.

Joseph Flannagan, North Primary.

Ella Crayton, Mary Goodwin, Loretta Haynes, Ada Rockwood, Edith Rockwood, Emma Russen, Myrtle Spencer, Edna Trask, Massey Grammar.

Marjorie Symmes, Arthur Bruder, Arthur Rockwood, Massey Intermediate.

Ora Rattie, Elsie Barbour, Doris Spencer, John Hunter, Elmer Moore, Massey Primary.

Lloyd Hunter, Francis Kelley, Helen Unwin, South Grammar.

Donat Hauregard, Louisa Hauregard, Mildred Whiting, South Intermediate.

Alcide Dion, Raymond Mowry, Ruth Rhodes, Blanche Narieur, Arthur Wales, South Primary.



